AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 12 as follows:

Conventionally, although not shown concretely, a jointing member is configured from a grommet and a pin. Each of these is integrally made of composite resin. The grommet has a flange portion and a leg portion, in which an insertion hole to insert a shaft portion of the pin described later therein is formed from a center of the flange portion to an inner portion of the leg portion. The leg portion is divided into plural pieces through slits so that the pieces can be opened outward, and an engagement ~~nail~~ portion which engages with a large-diameter groove of the pin described later is formed at an inner surface of each of the divided leg pieces. The pin has a head portion and a shaft portion, in which the large-diameter groove which engages with the engagement ~~nail~~ portion is formed at an almost center portion of the shaft portion and a small-diameter groove which receives the engagement ~~nail~~ portion is formed at a tip end side of the shaft portion (see JP-A-8-334109, for example).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6 as follows:

At the time of actually using the jointing member, ~~when~~ the shaft portion of the pin is inserted into the insertion hole of the grommet so that each engagement ~~nail~~ portion of the respective divided leg pieces is received within the small-diameter groove of the pin. The divided leg pieces are prevented from being opened outward and only the pin is provisionally engaged on a grommet side. In this state, after the grommet is attached to attachment ~~holes~~ holes, which are previously perforated at the two panel members, the pin in the provisionally engaged state is completely pushed into the insertion hole of the grommet. Then, each engagement nail of the divided leg pieces is disengaged from the small-diameter groove and is engaged with the large-diameter groove so that the divided leg pieces are opened outward, whereby the two panel members are jointed and fixed to each other.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 18 as follows:

A first invention provides a jointing member ~~having:~~ having a grommet and a pin, wherein the grommet includes a flange portion and a leg portion capable of being opened, in which an insertion hole is formed from a center of the flange portion to an inner portion of the leg portion, and an engagement portion is formed at an inner surface of the leg portion. ~~portion, and the~~ The pin includes a head portion and a shaft portion to be inserted into the insertion hole, in which an engagement surface and a lock surface each engaging with the engagement portions are formed at the shaft portion.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 17 as follows:

A fourth invention provides a jointing member having ~~having:~~ a grommet and a pin. ~~pin, wherein the~~ The grommet includes a flange portion and a leg portion capable of being opened, in which an insertion hole is formed from a center of the flange portion to an inner portion of the leg portion, and an engagement portion is formed at an inner surface of the leg portion. ~~portion, the~~ The pin includes a head portion and a shaft portion to be inserted into the insertion hole, in which an engagement surface and a lock surface each engaging with the engagement portions are formed at the shaft portion. ~~portion, the~~ The flange portion of the grommet has a large-diameter portion of the insertion hole, an engagement hole adjacent to a ~~in a position where a~~ bottom portion of the large-diameter portion, ~~portion is adjacent,~~ and an extending portion which is extended to form a pin hole portion whose diameter is ~~small~~ smaller than that of the large-diameter portion in a free state on a side of a tip ~~where it is~~ far from the flange portion. ~~portion, the~~ The shaft portion has an engagement surface which holds the engagement portion displaced to a ~~circumference~~ circumferential direction to keep the flange portion of the grommet in an opened state, in a state that the pin is incorporated into the grommet, in parallel with a center line of the shaft portion and in a direction of the

center line of the shaft portion for a predetermined length. ~~length, and~~ The engagement surface has a lock surface which ~~protrude~~ protrudes in a ~~circumference~~ circumferential direction in a tip of the shaft portion so as to prevent the engagement portion from falling away from the engagement surface to shift to a state that a diameter of the leg portion ~~become~~ becomes small. ~~small, and the~~ The engagement portion of the grommet, and the engagement surface of the pin and lock surface are relatively provided in a shaft direction at a position where the grommet and the pin ~~enable~~ are enabled to slide for a predetermined distance in a state that the grommet and the pin are incorporated ~~to be~~ so that the leg portion is opened. Thus, since the extending portion is provided, a protrusion length of the shaft portion of the pin is shortened. Therefore, the grommet and the pin can be prevented from being falsely disengaged.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 8 as follows:

In a fifth invention, the tip of the shaft portion of the pin, which is provided with the lock surface, is surrounded with the extending portion of each of leg portions of the grommet in a state that the grommet and the pin are incorporated ~~to be~~ so that the leg portions are opened, and is inside the tip hole portion of the grommet.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 14 as follows:

In a sixth invention, the predetermined distance that the grommet and the pin ~~enable~~ are enabled to slide is 0.5 mm to 2 mm. Therefore, in order to disengage the pin, it is possible to hitch with a tip of a finger or a tip of a slotted screw driver, as well as it is possible to design the jointing member to be compact in the entire length.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 10 as follows:

Fig. 6 is a sectional view showing a state where the pin moves in its drawing out

direction and an engagement ~~nail~~ portion on the grommet side engages with a lock surface on the pin side; and

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 18 as follows:

As shown in Figs. 3A-3C, in the pin 2, four rib walls 12 which are respectively fit into and engaged with the ~~slit~~ slits 8 are formed on the outer periphery of the shaft portion 6. A bent-shaped elastic arm portion ~~12a~~ 12a, which rear surface side forms an empty portion ~~13~~ 13, is continuously formed on the way of each of two rib walls 12 which are disposed in an opposite manner to each other. The engagement surface 14 which is in parallel to the axial direction of the shaft portion 6 is formed on the outer periphery of the shaft portion 6 on the tip end side of the pin, and the lock surface 15 which extends in a direction perpendicular to the engagement surface 14 is independently formed on the outer periphery on the tip end side of the pin continuing to the engagement surface 14.